

SSgt Patnaude is the recipient of two Purple Hearts, but praise from his command goes far beyond his service in Iraq. In addition to his impressive record while on-duty, SSgt Patnaude is also deeply involved in community service. SSgt Patnaude volunteers for both Air Force and local community projects, including his role as an Air Force ambassador to the Boy Scouts of America.

I wish to express my admiration and respect for such a fine example of the excellence and heroism that abounds in our Armed Forces. I am proud to have such an exemplary soldier and citizen come from my Congressional District. On behalf of the people of the 25th District of New York, I extend my sincere congratulations to SSgt Patnaude on his selection as the 2007 Airman of the Year.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JACK SPARROW

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Jack Sparrow, a resident of Englewood, NJ, for his work and devotion to the Hope and Heroes Children's Cancer Fund for the Children's Hospital of New York Presbyterian.

Jack Sparrow was born in Brooklyn, NY, on February 12th, 1948. He continued on to St. John's University on a full tennis scholarship. Following graduation, Mr. Sparrow worked in recreational athletics until founding his own home design and construction venture, Quintessence, about 26 years ago. Mr. Sparrow and his company's specialty is designing and building new homes, however his passion remains in historic preservation and restoration. Mr. Sparrow is responsible for numerous historical restoration projects in Bergen County, NJ. Most famously, Mr. Sparrow restored the Brayton Estate in Englewood, originally built in 1857, and his own former house on Franklin Street, built in 1860.

Mr. Sparrow is the proud father of three wonderful children, who have blessed him with four grandchildren. Mr. Sparrow has been very active in his community of Englewood for many years, as a parent, a resident, and a small business owner. He has also been involved in numerous philanthropic organizations as a premier philanthropist, including the American Cancer Society and, most notably, the Hope and Heroes Children's Cancer Fund for Children's Hospital of New York Presbyterian.

Today, I would like to recognize Jack Sparrow's dedication to the Hope and Heroes Children's Cancer Fund for Children's Hospital of New York Presbyterian and I congratulate him on his admirable philanthropic achievements. I send him my very best wishes and thank him for his dedication.

HONORING LARRY A. SHEHADEY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Shehadey of Fresno, CA,

the patriarch of Producers Dairy Foods and a generous supporter of California State University, Fresno, and its endeavors, on the occasion of his 100th birthday on July 2, 2007.

Larry was born July 2, 1907, in Pleasant Valley, near Yosemite National Park in California. In 1932, he married Nelly Elayne Maascent in San Francisco. He worked for Parr Soap Company and Ready Whip before buying interest in a company called Producers Dairy in Fresno, California. He moved to Fresno in 1950 to protect his interest in the company, and then purchased the company. His wife Elayne worked by his side, making collections and helping to get the company on its feet.

Since Larry took ownership of Producers, the company has been very successful, outlasting some 50 competitors. It has grown to include northern, central, and southern California. Its products include milk, flavored milk, cheese, butter, cottage cheese, buttermilk, orange juice, juice drinks, eggnog, ice cream, and many other products.

Lastly, Larry has donated to numerous local charities in the Central Valley, including Valley Children's Hospital, Saint Agnes Hospital, and California State University, Fresno. Larry made a major \$3 million donation to the Save Mart Center in Fresno, and the Tower at the Center has been named Larry A. Shehadey Tower. Over the years, Larry also has supported numerous youth programs, including the Boy Scouts and Big Brothers and Big Sisters. His support of Fresno City College has helped hundreds of students through various scholarships.

Larry and Elayne have two children: John and Richard.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Shehadey. I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Shehadey for his support of the Fresno community and wishing him many more years of happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I missed rollcall vote No. 534 to H.R. 2764 taken on June 21, 2007. Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted "aye."

I am opposed to overturning the longstanding Mexico City policy which prohibits funding for foreign non-governmental organizations that perform or promote abortions as a method of family planning. I stand in strong support of H. Amdt. 368, which would remove the language overturning the Mexico City policy.

DECEPTIVE PRACTICES AND VOTER INTIMIDATION PREVENTION ACT OF 2007

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, recent elections have been marred

by allegations of deceptive practices that are frequently centered in neighborhoods that have a large minority or low-income population. These communities are littered with inaccurate election information in a deliberate effort to prevent voters from casting their ballots on Election Day.

When most people think of violations of the Voting Rights Act they envision Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Freedom Riders. However, many don't realize that voter suppression still occurs today.

One example of recent voter suppression hits close to home. During the 2006 election, constituents of my sister, LORETTA, were targeted. Letters were sent to individuals with Spanish surnames, written in Spanish, informing them that immigrants voting in a federal election were committing a crime "that could result in incarceration and possible deportation..." These letters were false. Immigrants who have become naturalized citizens have as much a right to vote as citizens who are born here. In fact, many immigrants have told me that one of the great privileges that accompanies their naturalization is the right to vote in free elections. This letter disseminated false information and ignited fear in the Hispanic community. The clear intention was to suppress the Hispanic vote.

This is just one example—and sadly it is not an isolated incident. These types of practices still occur today, all over the country. That is why I rise in full support of H.R. 1281, the Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act of 2007 and applaud my colleagues for tackling this critical issue.

H.R. 1281 strengthens the prohibitions on and punishments for deceptive practices that aim to keep voters away from the polls. It also requires that the Justice Department prevent and end misinformation campaigns that mislead voters and prevent them from voting.

The right to vote is one of the most cherished rights granted to U.S. citizens. I am proud to support this bill that ensures that those who attempt to infringe on that right are stopped and punished.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VFW PVT. HENRY OSTENDORF POST 1300

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 75th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Pvt. Henry Ostendorf Post 1300 in Granite City, IL.

In 1932, our Nation's veterans faced the same problems as the rest of their fellow citizens as the Nation was in the grips of the Great Depression. Many veterans, due to injuries received while on active duty, were at a greater disadvantage as medical bills continued and their ability to find work was compromised.

On May 24, 1932, VFW Post 1300 was instituted by Post 805 in East St. Louis to serve the veterans of Granite City. There were 58 charter members of the initial organization and 21 charter members of the Auxiliary that was formed on August 12 of the same year. Post